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Kalnad Stream' at an estimated cost of Rs. 8,500. The Board's remarks on the proposals have been called for. The work will be commenced as soon as the estimate is sanctioned by the Government.''

Sri M. Narayanan Nambiar :—'' Since the cultivation on both sides of the stream are considerably damaged, will the Government expedite the matter and get the report immediately? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu :—'' It is delayed because the owners of land who have to give about 15 feet of land all along the canal have refused to give it. So the Government have to take land acquisition proceedings and naturally some delay is expected.''

Tamil students in the Anantapur Engineering College.

* 1850 *Q*.—Sri V. Balakrishnan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Tamil students assigned to Anantapur Engineering College in the academic year 1953–54 from the composite Madras State;

(*b*) how many of such students were recipients of benefits from Government under the composite State;

(*c*) whether these Tamil students belonging to the residuary Madras State studying in Anantapur Engineering College have petitioned to the Madras Government stating that the benefits enjoyed by them under the composite Government have been stopped by the Andhra State Government;

(*d*) if so, the action taken by Madras State Government on their petitions;

(*e*) the number of Telugu students assigned to Engineering Colleges in Madras State in 1953; and

(*f*) how many of them are receiving benefits from Madras State?

11–40 a.m. The Hon. Sri R. Shanmuga Rajeswara Sethupathi :—'' (*a*) 34.

'' (*b*) 16.

'' (*c*) Yes, Sir.

'' (*d*) This Government took up the question with the Government of Andhra and the Government of Andhra have continued the concessions allowed to Madras State students.

'' (*e*) 10.

'' (*f*) Two.''

Sri V. Balakrishnan :—'' May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the Andhra Government have stopped the

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concessions this year pending further orders from the Government of Madras and in view of this being an annual, irritant feature, will the Government be pleased to see that it is continued without any break? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Andhra Government have not stopped the concessions. They have agreed to pay to the students the concessions which they have been enjoying all along in the composite State.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the curriculam of studies for the students studying in the Engineering College at Anantapur is the same as that set up for the students of the Madras Engineering College by the University of Madras and that the examinations for these Tamil students are conducted by the University of Madras? If the Madras Government are aware of these things, will they make arrangements to see that Engineering Degrees are also conferred on these students by the Madras University? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The point for consideration is this. The Venkateswara University came into existence in between and they have passed an Act under which the Degree of the Venkateswara University will be conferred on students of the Anantapur Engineering College because this College is affiliated to the Venkateswara University. So, there is a technical difficulty in awarding Degrees for these students by the Madras University. The matter is under the consideration of the Government and we have also addressed the University in that connection. Certainly every effort will be made to remove any of the difficulties which these students may have by getting Venkateswara University Degrees.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the University of Madras has raised some technical objections in conferring their Degrees upon the students of the Anantapur Engineering College and if so, what steps have they taken to remove those difficulties? Will the Government of Madras come up with a Bill, if necessary, to amend the Madras University Act and thus enable the Madras University to confer their Degrees upon these Tamil students of the Anantapur Engineering College? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It may not be necessary to amend the Madras University Act. If there are technical difficulties we shall try to overcome those difficulties.''

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. While not minimising the supplementaries of some hon. Friends may I invite your attention that the main question put by me relates to the stipends and benefits enjoyed by the Tamil students in the Anantapur College and not to any other connected subjects? ''

Mr. SPEAKER :—" These supplementary questions arose out of the answer of the Hon. the Minister for Finance."

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Apart from the difficulty pointed out in the main question, the students of the Anantapur College have been experiencing several other difficulties. I suppose that the recent visit of the Hon. Leader of the House to Kurnool must have given him the opportunity to discuss these difficulties with the State Government there. I also suppose that the Hon. Leader of the House has represented all these difficulties to the Andhra Government and must have arrived at some conclusions as a result of the discussions. Will the Hon. Leader of the House inform the House about what has taken place and if any decisions have been arrived at and, if so, what they are? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. I had a talk with the Chief Minister of the Andhra Government with reference to this question. He has assured me that he will take all steps necessary to make the position of these students quite comfortable there and that no pinpricks will be caused to the students as alleged by them."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, as regards the point raised by the hon. Member, Sri V. Balakrishnan, in his point of order, I wish only to point out that the point raised by the hon. Member, Sri K. Vinayakam, not only arises from the answer of the Hon. Minister but also from the main question. Our students have not only lost the Madras University Degrees but also the Andhra University Degrees. They are going to get their Degrees only from the infant Venkateswara University. May I know, therefore, whether the Government will go to the rescue of these 34 or 36 Tamil students studying in the Engineering College at Anantapur without any further loss of time and redress their grievances expeditiously? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Hon. Leader of the House has already assured the House that necessary action will be taken in this matter."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister for Education stated that if there are technical difficulties they will try to overcome those difficulties. We certainly appreciate the endeavours of the Government in this direction. If for any reason these technical difficulties cannot be overcome, will the Madras Government take steps to see that the Madras University Degrees are conferred by an amendment of the Madras University Act if necessary for that purpose? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already stated that I was hoping that it would not be necessary to have to amend the Madras University Act. All steps necessary to to get over the technical difficulties will be taken by the Government."